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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN- IRAQI RELATIONS ON UPSWING

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1. AT CONCLUSION OF FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU' S APRIL 20-23 OFFICIAL VISIT TO IRAQ, GOR ANNOUNCED THAT IRAQI PRESIDENT AL- BAKR HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT ROMANIA AT A DATE TO BE ESTABLISHED LATER. DURING MACOVESCU' S STAY IN BAGHDAD, IT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER ' ABD AL- BAQI HAD ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT ROMANIA, ALSO AT DATE TO BE WORKED OUT LATER.

2. JOINT COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED IN APRIL 24 PRESS CONFIRMS THAT BOTH COUNTRIES WILL RETURN AMBASSADORS TO THE RESPECTIVE CAPITALS (IRAQ IS LAST ARAB STATE WHICH CONTINUED DEMONSTRAGE DISPLEASURE OVER 1969 ELEVATION OF GOR- ISRAELI DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS TO LEVEL OF EMBASSIES BY WITHHOLDING APPOINTMENT OF AN AMBASSADOR).

3. PORTION OF COMMUNIQUE ON MIDEAST IS SIMILAR IN CONTENT
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TO OTHER DECLARATIONS SIGNED WITH MILITANT ARAB STATES (VIZ.
JOINT COMMUNIQUE WITH SYRIA OCT. 1972) IN CALLING FOR
WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM ARAB TERRITORIES AND

DENOUNCING ISRAELI " ATTACKS AND INCURSIONS." WE WOULD NOT
ATTRIBUTE ABSENCE OF USUAL ROMANIAN REFERENCE TO NEGOTIATED
PEACE ON BASIS UN SC RESOLUTION 242 AND NEED TO GUARANTEE
SOVEREIGNTY OF EACH STATE IN REGION (I. E. ISRAEL) AS
INDICATING ANY CHANGE IN GOR MIDEAST POSITION, BUT RATHER
TO PROBABLE IRAQI UNWILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT SUCH LANGUAGE.

4. COMMUNIQUE STATES BOTH PARTIES WILL NEGOTIATE A BASIC
ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT.

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